

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed November 7, 2005. Claim 1 is being cancelled and claims 2-36 are being added by this Response. Thus, claims 2 through 36 are pending in the application. Applicant hereby states that no new matter is being added by the amendment to the claims and support for the claims may be found throughout the specification of the instant application. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by any one of Knedlik (U.S. Patent No. 3,179,383) or Zepp (U.S. Patent No. 5,012,837) or Watanabe (Publication Number JP56-014889). Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly requested. In the event that issues arise in the application which may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the prosecuting attorney, identified below, at (410) 347-8754 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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